

# MINUTES

## LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

**PRESENT:** Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Roxanne Wadman, Howard Cicon, and Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, and Beth Dotson, Secretary

**ABSENT:** None

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Director Wadman to accept the agenda as presented. Director Cicon seconded, and motion carried.

**VISITORS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial reports were presented by the General Manager. A motion was made by Director Cicon to approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

**BILL APPROVAL:** Accounts payable for August 2020 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed.

The Capital One credit card statement for August 2020 was also reviewed.

A motion was made by Director Cicon to approve the bills. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

**DELINQUENT REPORT:** Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Water and Sewer Rates – met with Dan Kramer, Montana Rural Water Association. He felt the rate plan was good and in line with the rest of the State. He suggested holding a public information forum prior to the public meeting and using a bond council in drafting the resolution to ensure legal correctness.

New Lakeside Well – met with Water Environmental Technologies (WET) regarding the well location site. Spoke with Dennis Frazier, DEQ, who will be reviewing the deviation request. He said the State is way behind due to the COVID crisis, but he did not see any problems. The request will be sent to the State next week.

Water Split in Accounting – the four water systems have been combined within the water fund resulting in a more simplified accounting system.

### **Projects Update**

Lakeside Club – none

Cooper Farms – none

Lakeside Estates Phase 3 – infrastructure is complete. Phase 3 is now for sale.

Blacktail Estates – water pressure has been tested and the system chlorinated. Next step is paving of the road(s).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 20-6 – a motion was made by Director Cicon to annex 645 N. Juniper Bay road into the District. Director Wadman seconded and the motion carried.

Audit Contract – a standard three-year audit contract was received from Nicole Noonan. New regulations require that a second auditor be retained for financial statement preparation and review of non-audit services. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the three-year audit contract from Nicole Noonan. Director Cicon seconded and the motion carried.

Somers/Sliter Annexation (Park) – The proposed site is requesting six (6) EDUs. The proposed plan would limit the site to 6 EDUs and the site would be annexed into the District. These 6 EDUs would be used for amenities consistent with a park property. Plant Investment Fees would fall under Lakesides out-of-district fees (late comer & system development) and be required at time of hooking up these amenities. A motion was made to approve servicing and annexing the site by Director Wadman. Director Cicon seconded and the motion carried.

There were six (6) new hookups inside the District boundaries (five sewer and one water and sewer).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

As one of the three operators resigned, it was suggested that a contract employee be hired to assist in on-call, locates, etc. as the need arises rather than hiring a full-time operator. The Board approved the suggestion and requested that the LCWSD attorney review the contract.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Dotson, Secretary

**(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020)**